



News & Updates

June 18, 2025

The Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador website has an events section with updated CPD opportunities, events, conferences, and more. A list of recordings is available [here](#).



UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

June 19: Last Day of Law Library Orientation for Summer Students & New Members

June 20: Gregory Stack Disciplinary Hearing

August 26: Susan LeDrew, KC, Disciplinary Hearing

October 3 - 5: International Lawyers in Alcoholics Anonymous Conference

[VIEW ALL EVENTS HERE](#)



Free Risk Assessment Visits Now Available for Members

Members can now take advantage of free, confidential risk assessment visits designed to help identify areas of potential exposure that could lead to claims under the Lawyers' Insurance Programme.

These one-hour visits are intended to be supportive and constructive, not audits. They provide an opportunity to recognize and address possible sources of risk in a collegial, confidential setting.

Participation is entirely voluntary. In addition, members may be eligible to claim CPD credit for taking part.

To schedule a visit with our Insurance and Risk Manager, Janice Ringrose, please contact her at insurance@lsnl.ca or call (709) 722-6008.



Robe Library Available for Law Society Members

This is a reminder that robes, ties, and tabs are available for Members to borrow when needed. Students being called to the Bar can also borrow from the Robe Library.

For more information or to borrow an item from the Robe Library, please contact Leah Griffiths at lgriffiths@lsnl.ca.

If you have court clothing items that you would like to donate, please click [here](#).

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Cash Transactions and Recordkeeping Requirements and Client Identification and Verification Rules Amendments - Administrative Penalties

This is a reminder of amendments to Rules 15 and 16 to provide for administrative monetary penalties to address breaches of Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (AMLTF) Rules, which came into effect on 30 June 2024. The revisions are designed to emphasize lawyers' obligations with regard to AMLTF and provide appropriate and proportionate sanctions for violations. Administrative penalties of up to \$2,500 in the first instance of non-compliance and up to \$5,000 for subsequent instances may be assessed. These Rules underpin our efforts to combat money laundering and terrorist financing activities in the legal profession, as lawyers' trust accounts may be targeted and utilized as a vehicle to commit criminal activities.

The amended Rules can be viewed [here](#).

Members can find helpful practice resources to assist in understanding their responsibilities on our [website](#) and the Federation of Law Societies of Canada [website](#).

The Federation of Law Societies of Canada has also developed a five-module program, *Anti-Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing in the Canadian Legal Profession*,

which can be found [here](#). It is a complimentary course and is eligible for CPD credits once completed.

If you have any questions related to these amendments, please contact Brenda B. Grimes, KC, Executive Director, at bgrimes@lsnl.ca, or Jenn Friesen, Trust Compliance Auditor, at jfriesen@lsnl.ca.



Invitation to Contribute to Review of Search Warrant Procedures

As part of a review of the procedures used by the Provincial Court in issuing search warrants, you are invited to provide input on your experiences with the process.

The review seeks to identify any difficulties or concerns, as well as suggestions for improving the process. Feedback is also welcome regarding any challenges in accessing a search warrant or the related information through a court registry after the warrant has been issued and executed.

To **contribute to this review before the deadline on 30 June 2025**, please click [here](#).



National Indigenous Peoples Day

National Indigenous Peoples Day is a special occasion to learn about the rich and diverse histories, experiences, and cultures of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. While these groups share similarities, they each have their own distinct cultural practices, language, spiritual beliefs, and heritage.

As the longest day of the year, the summer solstice has held deep cultural, historical, and spiritual significance for many Indigenous peoples and communities for generations.

While today is a time to celebrate Indigenous peoples, it is also an

opportunity to acknowledge that there is much more work to do on the important journey to reconciliation. It is through concrete actions and by working together that we can create a better future.

For more information, please click [here](#).



Law Commission of Canada Call for Proposals

The [Law Commission of Canada](#) is pleased to announce a call for proposals for *Beyond Tomorrow Reports: Law for Canada's Next Generations*. This series identifies and addresses critical challenges and opportunities in law for future generations of Canadians. Each selected report will receive \$20,000 CAD and contribute to shaping the future of Canadian law.

For more information or to apply before the deadline on 29 August 2025, please click [here](#).



CLIA Not So Risky Business Blog

The [Canadian Lawyers Insurance Association](#) (CLIA) [Not So Risky Business Blog](#) aims to assist legal professionals in practice management, error avoidance, and gaining a deeper insight into insurance coverage requirements. Every Wednesday, CLIA's blog will cover informative topics such as loss prevention tips, fraud alerts, cyber awareness, wellness, and more. You can also [subscribe to receive notifications of new posts directly to your inbox](#).

Recent Articles

- [Reconciling the Need for Empathy with Low EQ](#)
- [Roundup: Time Management Tips](#)



Our [practice resources](#) offer valuable insights regarding the complexities of law practice management. Created to help lawyers navigate the requirements and obligations outlined in the *Law Society Act, 1999*, Law Society Rules, and Code of Professional Conduct, they serve as supportive tools. While not exhaustive, they provide valuable insights.

Please remember that every practice management question should be considered within your unique context, and professional judgment is very important.

[Reading Suggestions for Practice Management](#)

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WELLNESS TOOLBOX

Wellness Toolbox: Weekly Resources for Your Well-Being

Your wellness toolbox includes resources to support your health and resilience. As a lawyer, prioritizing your well-being is essential for yourself, and those you serve.

Here's a list of resources from the Law Society's [Wellness Toolbox](#) for consideration. Stay tuned for new recommendations each week.

- [Mental Health Care and Treatment Act](#)
- [Gamblers Anonymous](#)
- [Counselling Options](#)

Disciplinary Matters

Through the disciplinary process, the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador reviews and assesses the professional conduct of its members. These assessments

are made based on ethical standards outlined in the [Law Society Act, 1999](#), along with the [Law Society Rules](#) and the [Code of Professional Conduct](#).

DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS

HEARINGS

COUNSELS & CAUTIONS



Did you know that the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador website has a News section with updated information on job opportunities, professional development, notices, and more? Visit our website today to check out some of the great online resources available.

Current Opportunities

- Associate Lawyer - Mills Pittman Twyne Law Offices
- Board Member - Greo Evidence Insights
- Crown Attorney - Public Prosecution Service (NS)
- Associate - Wayne White Law
- Staff Solicitor - Legal Aid NL
- Supervising Lawyer - Université de Moncton Legal Clinic
- Lawyer - MacNab, Fagan & Murphy
- Legal Assistant - MacNab, Fagan & Murphy
- Crown Attorney - Manitoba Justice
- Crown Attorney - Manitoba Prosecution Service
- Staff Solicitor - Legal Aid NL
- Members - Health Research Ethics Board (HREB)

[VIEW ALL OPPORTUNITIES](#)

Search for a Will

Members are reminded that they may only disclose the contents of a will where authorized to do so. By sending this search for a will, the Law Society is not in any way authorizing disclosure to the individual initiating the request. Members must assess whether that individual is entitled to review or know the contents of the will.

[Margaret Brennan](#)

Born February 25, 1918; died October 27, 2018.

Last place of residence was Roaches Line.

[Edward John Noseworthy](#)

Born October 28, 1938; died June 2, 2025.

Last place of residence was Roaches Line.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Leah Siminoski, at lsiminoski1965@gmail.com.

Timothy Keith Murphy

Born December 19, 1962; died June 11, 2025.

Last place of residence was Spaniard's Bay.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Anne Marie Lewis at annemarielewis55@gmail.com.

Olive Mary Clarke

Born June 12, 1938; died September 27, 2017.

Last place of residence was Boat Harbour.

Any member with information regarding the last will is asked to contact Deborah Lewis Clarke at dlewis2728@gmail.com.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Leah Siminoski, lsiminoski1965@gmail.com.

Hubert Clyde Pearce

Born June 30, 1946 ; died May 14, 2025.

Last place of residence was Port aux Basques.

Any member with information regarding the Last Will and Testament is asked to contact Stuart Pearce at (709) 695-5644.

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This is a mandatory communication.